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APPLICANT : Benson, David L.  
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Assistant Commissioner:

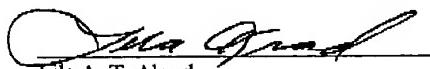
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In response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

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